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# S. 1268

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans  
5       from the Risks of Keyless Ignition Technology Act” or the  
6       “PARK IT Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF**  
2                   **SYSTEMS AND ROLLAGAY PREVENTION**  
3                   **TECHNOLOGY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

4       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5               (1) KEY.—The term “key” has the meaning  
6       given the term in section 571.114 of title 49, Code  
7       of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

8               (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-  
9       turer” has the meaning given the term in section  
10      30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

11       (3) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

12               (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “motor vehi-  
13       cle” has the meaning given the term in section  
14      30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

15               (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “motor vehi-  
16       cle” does not include—

17                       (i) a motorcycle or trailer (as those  
18       terms are defined in section 571.3 of title  
19       49, Code of Federal Regulations) (or suc-  
20       cessor regulations);

21                       (ii) any motor vehicle that is rated at  
22       more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicular  
23       weight; or

24                       (iii) for purposes of subsection (b), a  
25       battery electric vehicle.

1                             (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2                             the Secretary of Transportation.

3                             (b) AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VE-  
4                             HICLES.—

5                             (1) FINAL RULE.—

6                                 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
7                             after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8                             retary shall issue a final rule amending section  
9                             571.114 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
10                             tions (relating to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety  
11                             Standard Number 114), to require manufactur-  
12                             ers to install in each motor vehicle equipped  
13                             with a keyless ignition device and an internal  
14                             combustion engine technology to automatically  
15                             shut off the motor vehicle after the motor vehi-  
16                             cle has idled for the period designated under  
17                             subparagraph (B).

18                             (B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

19                                 (i) IN GENERAL.—The period referred  
20                             to in subparagraph (A) is the period des-  
21                             ignated by the Secretary as necessary to  
22                             prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

23                                 (ii) DIFFERENT PERIODS.—The Sec-  
24                             retary may designate different periods  
25                             under clause (i) for different types of

1                   motor vehicles, depending on the rate at  
2                   which the motor vehicle emits carbon mon-  
3                   oxide, if—

4                                   (I) the Secretary determines a  
5                                   different period is necessary for a type  
6                                   of motor vehicle for purposes of sec-  
7                                   tion 30111 of title 49, United States  
8                                   Code; and

9                                   (II) requiring a different period  
10                                  for a type of motor vehicle is con-  
11                                  sistent with the prevention of carbon  
12                                  monoxide poisoning.

13                                 (2) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)  
14                                  shall become effective on September 1 of the first  
15                                  calendar year beginning after the date on which the  
16                                  Secretary issues that rule.

17                                 (c) PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ROLLING  
18                                  AWAY.—

19                                 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years  
20                                  after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
21                                  retary shall issue a final rule amending part 571 of  
22                                  title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to require  
23                                  manufacturers to install technology to prevent move-  
24                                  ment of motor vehicles equipped with keyless igni-  
25                                  tion devices and automatic transmissions if—

- 1                     (A) the transmission of the motor vehicle  
2                     is not in the park setting;  
3                     (B) the motor vehicle does not exceed the  
4                     speed determined by the Secretary under para-  
5                     graph (2);  
6                     (C) the seat belt of the operator of the  
7                     motor vehicle is unbuckled;  
8                     (D) the service brake of the motor vehicle  
9                     is not engaged; and  
10                    (E) the door for the operator of the motor  
11                     vehicle is open.

12                   (2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall de-  
13                     termine the maximum speed at which a motor vehi-  
14                     cle may be safely locked in place under the condi-  
15                     tions described in subparagraphs (A), (C), (D), and  
16                     (E) of paragraph (1) to prevent vehicle rollaways.

17                   (3) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)  
18                     shall become effective on September 1 of the first  
19                     calendar year beginning after the date on which the  
20                     Secretary issues that rule.

